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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MASS, RP

SUBJECT: GOP REQUEST FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT

REF: MANILA 1667

FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN FROM HA0IB

1. MELCHOR REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT FOR FOUR BATTALIONS IN HAWAII MEETING WITH DEP ASST SECY GLEYSTEN. MELCHOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE NEED WAS URGENT AND THAT THE GOP WAS PREPARED TO PAY CASH FOR THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED. HE STATED THAT IT WOULD BE USED TO EQUIP NEW UNITS TO BE RECRUITED LARGELY FROM MILITIA AND ROTC PERSONNEL. THEIR ROLE WOULD BE SEMI-STATIC AND ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE, TO HOLD AREAS THAT THE INSURRECTIONISTS MIGHT OTHERWISE SEIZE. MELCHOR FEARED THAT THE MNLF WOULD NOW TRY TO OCCUPY POPULATION CENTERS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES AND IN ORDER TO PUT THEMSELVES IN A BETTER POSITION FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF BARGAINING. THE NEW BATTALIONS WOULD HELP TO

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DEFEND SUCH THREATENED AREAS.

2. MORE GENERAL COMMENTS BY MELCHOR INCLUDED INQUIRY  
WHETHER TAIWAN WAS A GOOD SOURCE FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
WHICH THE GOP NEEDS (THIS WAS POLITELY DISCOURAGED), AND

HIS AGREEMENT WITH GLEYSTEN STATEMENT THAT THE MUSLIM  
PROBLEM COULD NOT BE RESOLVED SIMPLY BY MILITARY METHODS,  
A CONVICTION HE SAID WAS ALSO HELD BY MARCOS.

3. IF YOU AGREE, SUGGEST EMBASSY FOLLOW UP WITH MELCHOR.  
AS YOU SUGGEST GOP SHOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DETAIL  
THROUGH REQUESTS INITIATED IN REGULAR JUSMAG CHANNELS.  
WE WILL THEN AWAIT YOUR VIEWS. KISSINGER

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